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SUBJECT: GATT COUNCIL MEETING FEB 24 ON GATT STAFF
COMPLAINTS

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1. WE PERCEIVE NO REPEAT NO REASON TO REVERSE DECISION
CONTRACTING PARTIES HAVE ALREADY TAKEN CONCERNING DISTRI-
BUTION OF 1974 SURPLUS. WE MIGHT SAY IN PASSING THAT WE
FIND IT DIFFICULT TO BELIEVE THAT SUCH REPRESENTATIVES AS
THOSE OF THE EC, FRANCE, FRG, UK AND JAPAN WOULD ACCEDE
TO SUCH A REVERSAL.

2. MISSION'S UNDERSTANDING OF ITS INSTRUCTIONS AS STATED
PARA 3 REFTEL IS FOR THE MOST PART CORRECT. HOWEVER, IT
SHOULD BE MENTIONED IN CONNECTION WITH QUOTE SPEAK AS
LITTLE AS POSSIBLE UNQUOTE THAT DEPARTMENT IS AWARE THAT
ACTION IS TAKEN BY CONSENSUS IN GATT COUNCIL AND FAILURE
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TO SPEAK WHEN NECESSARY MAY BE TAKEN AS ACQUIESCENCE.
WHAT DEPARTMENT HAS IN MIND IS FOR USDEL TO AVOID GETTING
OUT IN FRONT IN SOME WAY THAT WOULD PREJUDICE GATT STAFF
AGAINST USG WHEN WE NEED THE SERVICES AND GOOD WILL OF THE
STAFF IN MTN. HOW MUCH USDEL SPEAKS IS OF COURSE LEFT TO
ITS DISCRETION.

3. WHEN LONG MAKES HIS PITCH, PLEASE INQUIRE IN SPIRIT OF
SWEET REASON CONCERNING FURTHER DETAILS OF HIS PROPOSALS.
SPECIFICALLY US REP SHOULD RAISE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:
(A) TO WHAT EXTENT WOULD A SET ONE YEAR EXCHANGE RATE
AND WHATEVER ELSE LONG PROPOSES ACTUALLY SATISFY THE GATT
STAFF? (B) WHAT WOULD BE POSITION OF STAFF AND OF DG AT
END OF YEAR IF OPERATION OF YEAR LONG FIXED RATE WOULD
RESULT IN SUBSTANTIAL ADJUSTMENT? (C) HOW WOULD EXCHANGE
RATE BE SET? (D) COULD LONG ELABORATE CONCERNING HOW HE
ENVISAGES THE EXCHANGE RATE PROPOSAL WOULD WORK IN PRACTICE.
(E) WHAT WOULD BE THE COST TO THE CONTRACTING PARTIES OF
LONG'S PROPOSALS? KISSINGER

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